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## We claim:

- A polymer composition for display mediums, comprising:

   a co-polymer composite of an alkyl material and a phosphonate material; and
   luminescent metal ions dispersed in the composite, wherein the composition can be used
   for displays.
  - 2. The composition of claim 1, wherein the alkyl material includes: alkyl acrylate.
  - 3. The composition of claim 1, wherein the alkyl material includes: alkyl methacrylate.
  - 4. The composition of claim 1, wherein the phosphate material includes: dialkyl vinylbenzylphosphonate.
  - 5. The composition of claim 1, wherein the phosphate material includes: alkyl vinylbenzylphosphonic acid monoester.
- 20 6. The composition of claim 1, wherein the phosphate material includes: vinylbenzylphosphonic acid.
  - 7. The composition of claim 1, wherein the composite has a molar ratio of: approximately 20% to approximately 95% acrylate material; and approximately 80 %to approximately 5% phosphate material.
  - 8. The composition of claim 1, wherein the luminescent metal ions include:

rare earth compounds.

9. The composition of claim 1, wherein the luminescent metal ions include: NaYF<sub>4</sub>:ErYb

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The composition of claim 1, wherein the composite is: 10. phosphorylated polymethyl methacrylate(p-PPMA).

11. The composition of claim 1, wherein the luminescent metal ions include: rare earth ions co-doped with Yb<sup>3+</sup> in fluoride and orthophosphate crystalline hosts.

12. The composition of claim 11, wherein the doping ion further includes:

Tm.

13. The composition of claim 11, wherein the doping ion further includes: Er.

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14. The composition of claim 11, wherein the doping ion further includes: Ho.

15. The composition of claim 11, wherein the doping ion further includes: Nd.

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The composition of claim 11, wherein the doping ion further includes:

17. The composition of claim 11, wherein the doping ion further includes:

- 18. The composition of claim 11, wherein the crystalline hosts include: NaYF<sub>4</sub>.
- The composition of claim 11, wherein the crystalline hosts include:KYF.
- 20. The composition of claim 11, wherein the crystalline hosts include: YLF.
- 21. The composition of claim 11, wherein the crystalline hosts include: LuPO<sub>4</sub>.
- A polymer composition for optical applications, comprising:
  a co-polymer composite host of an alkyl material and a phosponate material; and
  luminescent metal ions dispersed in the composite host without cracking and
  delamination of the composite host, wherein the composition is used for optical applications.
- 20 23. A method of making a polymer composition, comprising the steps of: forming a co-polymer from an alkyl material and a phosphonate material; and dispersing luminescent metal ions in the co-polymer without cracking and delaminating of the co-polymer.